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Resource review

The Charles H Wright African American Museum has and will be a beautiful resource for me and my class when I take them. New as it relates to the other Museum in midtown Detroit, the museum exterior is eye catching with a huge black mask on the front of the building, it is one of many things that makes this Museum unique and set it apart from other building in the area. When entering the building one can see the thought and pride in bring this Museum to the people in Michigan and the world. Unlike other museums the Charles H Wright African American Museum is in chorological order depicting the African men and women experiences though slavery to prominence here in America. The demy lighten halls began with a film depicting the African Americans in the movies, speeches and other media that they may have encountered. The exhibit began entailing the first women , which happens to be black ,moreover her bones are displayed and her life is explain in detail, the room is small and it has about ten or so displays depicting geographical location.

The next three rooms displays life like figures depicting how simple and free the Africans were in their home land, I saw figure in beautiful color clothing, children playing in front of their huts, moms cooking in the front of the homes made of simple earth materials, in what was common to them , and life as they knew it. One room displayed the men, women and children being capture and taken aboard ships head for America, the life like displays are powerful and bring to life what happen when the slaves were on the ship. Moving forwarded in chorological order time displays the brutality of their experience though slavery, all the displays have signage as well. Consequently the Museum took me through different emotion some of sadness and joy, the displays were depicted though the 1920’s and 30’s it is then when the African Americans began to come into their own, in that the displays began to show how African Americans in their own businesses, some were churches, bars and appear in all black movies, furthermore the Museum came to the 1970’s showing political life here in Michigan with the coming of Detroit’s first Black mayor which was Coleman A Young, as well as other African Americans leaders in Detroit.

At the end of the museum, before we came back into the main foyer, there is one last room displaying in print notable African Americans in the 2000’s and all that they have contributed to our country, the bright huge pictures detailing what is and was their importance to their country. As a social studies student and teacher taking a trip to the Charles H. Wright Museum would cover all of the K-12 content expectations in history, slavery has impact America and Americans in civics, we were and are the minority in this country which has help and hurt us politically, Economically African Americas has brought profits to the country as slaves, even today the African American culture has a impact thought the world, history, it’s not only the African American history it’s the American history, they are integrated and infused. As a teacher one can let their class analysis what they see as the walk though the museum furthermore allow their students to converse with each other about their views, as a teacher I can give assessments on history and geography on what they have learn from the museum, I love going to the Charles H. Wright African American Museum it is located at 315 E Warren Ave, Detroit, MI, adults $8 | Seniors (62 +) $5 | Youth (3 - 12) $5 | Members and children under 3 are admitted free. The museum should allow teachers and students in free, furthermore it will be a good idea to advertise in the media this will allow people who wouldn’t be interested in going to museum to see something that might peck their interest and visit it. The Museum should also have a children’s department in it, something that will appeal to smaller children, it is them that can benefit most from the museum, I recall going to the Historical museum on Woodward St. in Detroit, my sister and I love it, we would go by ourselves. Today some African Americans people seems to have forgotten the dream those who fought in the civil rights movement ,it sadden me when go though the museum it reminds me of those who have wasted their opportunities our freedoms, chooses and educational liberties here in America, it is not just the African American museum and their experiences but the American experience as a whole.